[Sri V. K. Kothandaraman] [19th August 1960

ஒரே நோக்கம். ஆகவே இன்றைக்கு அவர்களுடைய நோக்கமெல்லாம் எப்படியாவது குறைந்த கூலிக்கு அவர்களைப் பணிய வைக்கவேண்டும், அந்த முறையில் அவர்களிடமிருந்து வேலை வாங்க வேண்டும் என்பது தான். அது காரணமாக இருப்பதால் இதைப்பற்றி உடனடியாகப் பரிசிலனை செய்து இதற்குப் பரிகாரம் தேடுவதில் கவனம் செலுத்தப்பட வேண்டும் என்பதற்காக வேண்டித்தான் இந்தச் சந்தர்ப்பத்தில் கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்களுடைய ஞாபகத்திற்குக் கொண்டு வரும் முறையில் இதைக் கொண்டு வந்திருக்கிறேன். ஆகவே இதில் தீவிர கவனம் செலுத்த வேண்டும் என்கிற முறையில் அதிகாரிகளின் மூலமாக இதில் தீவிர கவனம் செலுத்தி இதைப்பற்றி பரிசிலனை செய்ய வேண்டுமெனக் கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, on the 24th July 1960, the North Arcot District Beedi Workers' Union represented to the Labour Officer, Vellore, that the management of Sun Beedi Factory had locked out about 30 branches of the factory with effect from 22nd July 1960, throwing out of employment about 1,500 workers without any notice.

The Labour Officer, Vellore, who contacted the proprietor has reported that prior to 11th July 1960, the proprietor was paying Rs. 1-6-0 for 1,000 Jadi beedies and two annas as commission to the agent. Under the settlement dated 11th July 1960 reached between the representatives of the employers and employees of the Beedi Industry the rate of wages for Jadi beedi was revised as Rs. 1.69 for 1,000 beedies. The proprietor was accordingly paying this rate of Rs. 1.69 as well as annas two as commission to the agents. From the first week of August, however, the proprietor discontinued the commission with the result that the agents refused to take raw materials for distribution to the workers, and the workers were thrown out of employment.

The Labour Officer has been instructed to persuade the proprietor to pay wages as per the settlement and also the commission to the agents or in the alternative to employ the workers directly under him and pay wages as per the settlement. The Madras Provincial Beedi Factory Owners Association and the North Arcot District Beedi and Tobacco Merchants Association have also been requested to advise their member beedi factory owners to pay wages according to the settlement, dated 11th July 1960 and to continue to pay the commission to the agents. I may add that the Government are taking every step in this behalf.

III.—NON-OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

MR. SPEAKER : To-day we have non-official business. We shall take up Bills. The first Bill on the agenda is the Madras 'Swayamariyathai' Marriages Validation Bill, 1959 (L.A. Bill No. 30 of 1959).